

M I N U T E S

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
April 13, 1977

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Ferraro at 3:12 p.m.

The following members were present:

Chairman Ferraro  
Supervisor Baxter Ward  
Mayor John Zimmerman  
Mayor Edmond Russ  
Councilwoman Renee Simon  
Wendell Cox  
Deputy Mayor Ray Remy (alternate for Mayor Bradley)  
Edward Cano (alternate for Supervisor Hahn)  
Robert Geoghegan (alternate for Supervisor Edelman)  
Peter Tweedt (alternate for Supervisor Schabarum)

Staff members present:

Robert T. Andersen, Interim Executive Director  
Ronald Schneider, Principal Deputy County Counsel  
Barna Szabo, Deputy to Supervisor Hayes  
Kathy Torigoe, Secretary to Executive Director

Minutes of March 23, 1977 were approved with the verification that action by the Commission on appointing alternates for city members was referred to the Legislative Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

3A. Caltrans 6-Year Highway Program

Mr. Robert J. Datel, District Director of District 7, gave a presentation of Caltrans' system of cutting up the highway pie. He stated that the Commission now shares the responsibility in setting up priorities of state highway construction projects within the Los Angeles County, and should play a strong role in influencing and advising the California Highway Commission and SCAG. By the end of May, District 7 should have a 1977

Highway Program for presentation to Sacramento, which includes Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura Counties.

Mr. Datel asked for a recommendation from the Commission by the second week in May, in accordance with the schedule which was included in the presentation and which indicates that the California Highway Commission will consider the next 6-Year Program in September and adopt a Highway Budget in October.

This matter will be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee at their April 22 meeting.

3B. Approval of 1976-77 TIP Amendments:

Matter was approved upon recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee and Finance Review Committee.

3C. Legal Opinion re: Jurisdiction of the Commission over State Highway Projects:

County Counsel's opinion was distributed. Executive Director Andersen reported that the Commission received a letter from the California State Transportation Board. The Board is scheduled to discuss the issue of the definition of highways of statewide significance at its meeting on\*May 6 in San Diego.

It was suggested that a representative of the Commission should attend the State Transportation Board meeting.

\*Since, changed to May 19.

3D. April 5th Revised Draft of Administrative Code:

Matter will be rescheduled for discussion at the April 27 meeting. Deputy County Counsel Ronald Schneider asked for additional comments from the Commission.

3E. Report from Executive Search Firm:

There will be a Special Meeting on May 4, 1977 at 3:00 p.m., to interview candidates for the Executive Director position.

Chairman Ferraro stated that all Commissioners and Alternates should attend the meeting. Location of meeting place will be determined by the Executive Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

4A. Committee Reports

4A-2. Technical Advisory Committee

Item #1 - Allocation of SB 325 funds to municipal operators

Whole matter will be re-referred to the TAC for a complete understanding of the SB 325 funds that are available and report back at the April 27 meeting.

Motion by Ed Cano to amend Article 4 of the SB 325 funds will be referred to the TAC.

Item #2 - 5% Community Transit Funds

M/S/C, as amended:

- (1) The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission adopt the criteria specified under Recommendations #1 and #2

as contained on pages 2 and 3 of SCAG's memorandum of March 21, 1977, to the Technical Advisory Committee (Bus Operations Subcommittee) as the criteria to be utilized in evaluating Community Transit claims and that its Chairman request SCAG to make this information available to any agency showing an interest in the Community Transit program.

- (2) The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission direct its Executive Director to meet with the RTD, Senior Citizen and Handicapped Commissions in the City and County of Los Angeles and with other appropriate agencies to inventory all on-going programs in the County that provide transportation for the elderly and handicapped in this County.
- (3) The Commission direct the Technical Advisory Committee to review the apparent process, requirements and criteria as contained in the law with respect to Community Transit funds and recommend for the Commission's consideration legislative and policy changes to simplify the process.

The Executive Director then reported that the Finance Review Committee was also recommending that all the Cities with Municipal Bus Operators be asked to submit their needs, prior to April 27, for Community Transit funds.

The Commission wanted all cities contacted. SCAG representatives at the meeting indicated that they had already contacted all cities, counties, and transit operators by letter of March 15, 1977 (letter attached as EXHIBIT A).

These answers are to be referred to the Finance Review Committee who will report to the Commission at the May 11 meeting of the Commission.

Item #3 - S 386 Section 5 funds

M/S/C - The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission adopt the policy that each transit operator be allowed to carry over unused S 386 Section 5 funds only to a maximum of two years as allowed by federal law and regulations, and direct the Chairman to advise all operators in Los Angeles County of this section.

Item #4 - Amendment of Commission Cox's motion re: RTD economies and advance notice

Adopted as amended (attached as EXHIBIT B) by substitute motion by Robert Geoghegan:

(second and third paragraphs) Delete the word "appropriate" and insert "15 days".

(third paragraph) After the words "portions of lines", add "impacting areas of high transit dependency, particularly the elderly and handicapped,..."

Item #5 - Harbor and Long Beach/San Diego Freeway connector ramp metering projects

Mr. C. W. Ford of Caltrans was present to make a presentation on freeway ramp metering and offered to answer questions from the Commission members.

Commission Cox asked that Caltrans provide the Commission with a written report on freeway-to-freeway metering before the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Ferraro announced that a presentation on Freeway Connector Metering will be made by Caltrans at 2:45 p.m. on April 27, 1977, and invited everyone to attend.

The whole matter will be continued to the next meeting on April 27.

Item #6 - FAU process

M/S/C - The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission approve the use of the existing process for 1977-78 allocations and direct the Technical Advisory Committee to further review the process to be used in the future and the criteria for transit-related projects.

Item #7 - TIP/TSM Programs

M/S/C - The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission request all available data for the 1977-78 TIP and for the TSM from SCAG; direct the TAC to evaluate and report their recommendations concerning the TIP and TSM to the Commission; direct the

Technical Advisory Committee to develop for the Commission's consideration a simplified process for developing future TIPs which would be more brief, meaningful and clearly understood, and do the same for the TSM; and direct the Chairman to forward TIP/TSM request to SCAG.

Item #8 - Artesia/Harbor Freeway Interchange

M/S/C - The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission endorse completion of the full interchange project (\$60 M) and direct the Chairman to notify the California Highway Commission and Caltrans of this position.

Item #9 - Routes 48/138 Freeway Route De-adoption

M/S/C - The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission request the California Highway Commission to retain the Route 48 and Route 138 Freeway route adoptions and direct its Chairman to notify the California Highway Commission of this request.

Item #10 - Long Beach Freeway Completion of Northerly Extension

Chairman Ferraro read in part a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the City of Pasadena that the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee, of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, be endorsed that the Commission be urged to adopt said recommendation and notify the California Highway Commission.

Mayor Arnold of South Pasadena was asked to make a presentation by Chairman Ferraro.

Mayor Arnold, in the interest of time, did not make a presentation but did state that the City of South Pasadena has gone on record for over 13 years as supporting a westerly freeway corridor through the city and have emphatically rejected the adopted Meridian route, but as far as the completion of the Long Beach Freeway is concerned, they are in support of it.

After considering various amendments, it was M/S/C, as amended, and attached as EXHIBIT C.

Item #14 - 1976-77 TIP Amendments

M/S/C - The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission approve the amendments to the 1976-77 TIP submitted by SCAG's letters of March 10 and April 1, 1977 and direct the Chairman to notify SCAG of this action.

Item #11 - Regional Transit Development Program

Matter will be continued until the April 27 meeting.

Item #12 - TAC's position of AB 402

Matter will be continued until the April 27 meeting.

Item #13 - AB 1246 - Clean-Up Legislation

Executive Director Andersen reported that Assemblyman Walt Ingalls has introduced AB 1237 as the bill to use for Clean-Up Legislation. A hearing on AB 1237 is scheduled for May 31, 1977. Matter will be continued to the April 27 meeting.



Referrals to Technical Advisory Committee

Motion was made by Commissioner Cox that all matters be referred to the TAC and to another committee, but TAC will report to the Commission's Committee and the Committee will report to the Commission, and the Commission will act on the Committee's report and not the TAC's report. All chairmen of the Committees are responsible for handling these matters.

Copies of TAC minutes will be given to Commission members and alternates upon request.

4A-3. Legislative Committee:

(1) Scope and function of Legislative Committee activities

Amend to read under Item 7: Other matters as assigned to the committee by the Commission.

This amendment is also incorporated in the proposed Administrative Code.

(2) Barna Szabo, on behalf of Supervisor Hayes, presented a long list of recommendations from the Legislative Committee. None of the Commissioners had a copy of these proposals in advance.

At the request of three Commissioners, Mayor Russ' request was generally concurred in that all back-up materials and/or substitute motions be in the possession of all members of the Commission at least 24 hours before the Commission meeting.

Chairman Ferraro recognized that this may not always be possible but that he concurred with the general intent of this request from the three Commissioners.

Accordingly, all Legislative Committee's recommendations were rescheduled for the April 27 meeting.

4A-1. Finance Review Committee:

Commissioner Tweedt reported on Finance Review Committee's actions. Those not already referred to above by joint action of TAC and Finance Review Committee are as follows:

Item #1 - Wendell Cox's Motion of February 23

Concurred with the revised motion of the TAC except the Committee recommended the deletion of the word, "appropriate" in the second and third paragraphs of the Resolved and insert "15 days".

Item #2 - SCRTD's request for UMTA Funds, Section 5

M/S/C - That the Commission support SCAG Executive Committee's decision of December 2 on the allocation of UMTA funds, Section 5, to SCRTD.

M/S/C - That the Commission concur with TAC's recommendation on carry-over unused S 386, Section 5, funds only to a maximum of two years.

Item #3 - SCAG's Guidelines for SB 325 Applications

Guidelines will be reviewed again at the next Finance Review Committee meeting, after TAC meets to make its recommendations on these guidelines at its April 22 meeting.

FRC Item #5 - FAU Process

M/S/C - That the Commission concur with the TAC's recommendation that the present process be used for the 1977-78 fiscal year.

FRC Item #6 - Finance Review Committee's Goals and Activities

This matter will be continued for further discussion at the next FRC meeting.

FRC Item #7 - Commission Work Program

This was originally referred to the FRC, but in another action by the Commission, this item was transferred to the Administrative Committee.

FRC Item #9 - 1977-78 Budget for Caltrans, District 7

Further discussion on this matter was continued to the next meeting of the FRC at noon on April 25.

FRC Item #10- 1977-78 Draft TIP Summary List

This matter was continued to the FRC meeting of April 25.

4B. Letter from Assemblyman Ingalls:

Matter regarding clarification on AB 1246 will be referred to the Administrative Committee.

4C. Request from Riverside County Transportation Commission for a joint meeting re. SCRTD duplicate service in Riverside:

Received and filed as SCRTD has terminated duplicate service in Riverside.

4D. Report from SCAG on the Revised Apportionment of FY 1976-77  
Local Transportation Fund in L.A. County:

Received and filed.

4E. City of L.A. Feasibility Study to improve ground access  
at LAX:

Matter will be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee.

4F. SCRTD Notice of Intent to hold Public Hearing on a proposal  
to raise fares:

Received and filed.

5. Approval of Claims:

M/S/C - Approved contract with Caltrans for rental of office  
space and authorized Chairman Ferraro to sign contract.

6. Reports from Executive Director:

6A. Chicago Transportation System Funding

Report on the Chicago Transit System by the Executive  
Director with a reproduced news clipping.

6B. Answer from Auditor General:

Executive Director received a report from the Auditor  
General on Financing and Evaluating Public Transit Systems in  
California, dated January 26, 1977. A copy has been given to  
Commissioner Remy.

The Legislative Committee has a report on this matter  
which will be continued to the next meeting on April 27.

Motion was made not to pursue with the Auditor General, but instead with the Department of Finance. Executive Director has the discretion to look into this matter further.

6C. Answer from A. Alan Post:

Executive Director received a letter from A. Alan Post, Legislative Analyst for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the California Legislature. At the request of the Assembly Transportation Committee, they are analyzing the current and projected financial conditions and operating needs of the SCRTD and anticipate preparing guidelines which would assist the Commission in its financial and performance review of transit operators within its jurisdiction. Anticipate the report will be forwarded to the committee by May 1, 1977.

6D. Notice of Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings:

Notice of meetings was handed out to the Commissioners.

Request by Commissioner Remy:

Time schedule for preparation of July 1 report to the Legislature be placed on the agenda for discussion at the April 27 meeting.

Request by Mayor Russ re: Reimbursement for Travel Expenses:

Matter will be referred to the Administrative Committee for handling of travel and other expenses incurred by the Commission members.

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6E. 42nd International Congress on Public Transport

Executive Director made an announcement of the 42nd International Congress on Public Transport which will be held in Montreal on May 22-27, 1977; and recommended that the Commission authorize its members and Executive Director to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for April 27, 1977, at 3:00 p.m., Department of Water and Power Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Commission

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Deputies to Supervisors  
SCAG, Caltrans, SCRTD,  
TAC